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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 30-49 and 54-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 30-49 and 54-57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to communications: Amendment, filed on 1/22/07.

Claims 30-49, and 54-57 are pending in this application. Claims 30, 34, 38, 42, and 46 are independent claims. In the Amendment, filed on 1/22/07, claims 1-29, and 50-53 are canceled, claims 30, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 42, 45, 46, 49, and 54-57 were amended.

Specification

The incorporation of essential material in the specification by reference to an unpublished U.S. application, foreign application or patent, or to a publication is improper. Applicant is required to amend the disclosure to include the material incorporated by reference, if the material is relied upon to overcome any objection, rejection, or other requirement imposed by the Office. The amendment must be accompanied by a statement executed by the applicant, or a practitioner representing the applicant, stating that the material being inserted is the material previously incorporated by reference and that the amendment contains no new matter. 37 CFR 1.57(f).

Applicant did not make reference to foreign application 35688/1999 in its specification

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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Claims 30-49, and 54-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Harada US Patent Application Publication 20070157225

As per claim 30, Harada teaches the an apparatus for processing multimedia data, the apparatus comprising:

A memory; (see Harada figure 8, item 64; Data totalizing apparatus is a memory) and

A processor configured to perform operation comprising:

Generating a data structure describing multimedia data and including segment group information defining first and second segment groups (see figure 4, item 15a; paragraph 0067-0068; content coupon information is a segment information and service additional information is another segment information),

each of the first and second segment group including a respective plurality of segments selected from a multimedia stream, (see Harada, paragraph 0065; The coupon and the service segment information includes in additional information and the content G multimedia stream)

wherein said segment group information specifies a respective group type and a respective duration for each of said first and second segment groups, (see Harada figure 4, item 15a; paragraph 0067-0068; Content coupon information is corresponds to coupon, which correlate its duration with the corresponding program paragraph 0104 and Service information is corresponds to service, which its duration is based on timeline schedule 0075) and

wherein the segment group information includes segment order information defining that the segments within the first segment group are ordered relative to each other according to a time sequence and the segments within the second segment group are unordered relative to each other according to the time sequence; (see Harada paragraph 0069, 0083, 0070 and 0064-65; The

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content coupon information is in one embodiment not order based on time but based on user ID, the service information is order based time sequence) and

Storing the data structure with the segment group information in the memory. (see Harada paragraph 0070, the data structures are stored on a local disk)

As per claim 31, Harada teaches the apparatus of claim 30. Harada further teaches wherein said segment group information includes a level information. (see Harada paragraph 0043, the coupon content has a discount value information which reduces its level each time the coupon is used)

As per claim 32, Harada teaches the apparatus of claim 31. Harada further teaches information defines multiple levels. (see Harada paragraph 0043; the discount level can be reduce multiple times)

As per claim 33, Harada teaches the apparatus of claim 30, wherein each segment contained in the first and second segment groups is defined by a respective start time and a respective segment duration. (see Harada paragraph 0075, 0069 and 0070; The content coupon information is sometimes integrated into time line along with regular programming, The service information is also keeps the start time/ mark time and the duration of the showing)

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As per claim 34, Harada teaches a method for processing multimedia data, the method comprising:

generating segment group information for a data structure describing multimedia data; (see Harada paragraph 0067, The coupon information and service information which are generated by the Center) and

transmitting said segment group information to a client, (see Harada paragraph 0067, The coupon information and service information which are generated by the Center are transmitted to the client)

wherein said segment group information:

defines first and second segment groups, (see figure 4, item 15a; paragraph 0067-0068; content coupon information is a segment information and service additional information is another segment information) each of which includes a respective plurality of segments selected from a multimedia stream; (see Harada, paragraph 0065; The coupon and the service segment information includes in additional information and the content G multimedia stream)

specifies a respective group type and a respective duration for each of said first and second segment groups; (see Harada figure 4, item 15a; paragraph 0067-0068; Content coupon information is corresponds to coupon, which correlate its duration with the corresponding

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program paragraph 0104 and Service information is corresponds to service, which its duration is based on timeline schedule 0075) and

includes segment order information defining that the segments within the first segment group are ordered relative to each other according to a time sequence and the segments within the second segment group are unordered relative to each other according to the time sequence. (see Harada paragraph 0069, 0083, 0070 and 0064-65; The content coupon information is in one embodiment not order based on time but based on user ID, the service information is order based time sequence)

As per claim 35, Harada teaches the method of claim 34. Harada further teaches said segment group information includes a level information. (see Harada paragraph 0043, the coupon content has a discount value information which reduces its level each time the coupon is used)

As per claim 36, Harada teaches the method of claim 35. Harada further teaches information defines multiple levels. (see Harada paragraph 0043; the discount level can be reduce multiple times)

As per claim 37, Harada teaches the method of claim 34. Harada further teaches wherein the segment group information defines a respective start time and a respective segment duration for each segment contained in the first and second segment groups. (see Harada paragraph 0075, 0069 and 0070; The content coupon information is sometimes integrated into time line along with regular programming, The service information is also keeps the start time/ mark time and the duration of the showing)

38. (Currently amended) An apparatus for processing multimedia data, the apparatus comprising:

a memory; (see Harada figure 8, item 64; Data totalizing apparatus is a memory) and

a processor configured to perform operations comprising:

receiving segment group information defining first and second segment groups in a data structure describing multimedia data, (see figure 4, item 15a; paragraph 0067-0068; content coupon information is a segment information and service additional information is another segment information),

each of the first and second segment groups including a respective plurality of segments selected from a multimedia stream, (see Harada, paragraph 0065; The coupon and the service segment information includes in additional information and the content G multimedia stream)

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wherein said segment group information specifies a respective group type and a respective duration for each of said first and second segment groups (see Harada figure 4, item 15a; paragraph 0067-0068; Content coupon information is corresponds to coupon, which correlate its duration with the corresponding program paragraph 0104 and Service information is corresponds to service, which its duration is based on timeline schedule 0075) and

wherein the segment group information includes segment order information defining that the segments within the first segment group are ordered relative to each other according to a time sequence and the segments within the second segment group are unordered relative to each other according to the time sequence; (see Harada paragraph 0069, 0083, 0070 and 0064-65; The content coupon information is in one embodiment not order based on time but based on user ID, the service information is order based time sequence) and

storing the data structure with the segment group information in the memory. (see Harada paragraph 0070, the data structures are stored on a local disk)

As per claims 39-41, they are of the same scope as claims 31-34. Supra.

As per claim 42, Harada teaches A method for processing multimedia data, the method comprising:

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receiving segment group information from a provider; (see Harada paragraph 0067, The coupon information and service information which are generated by the Center) and

storing said received segment group information in a data structure describing multimedia data in a client, wherein said segment group information: (see Harada paragraph 0070, the data structures are stored on a local disk)

defines first and second segment groups, each of which includes a respective plurality of segments selected from a multimedia stream; (see figure 4, item 15a; paragraph 0067-0068; content coupon information is a segment information and service additional information is another segment information)

specifies a respective group type and a respective duration for each of said first and second segment groups; (see Harada figure 4, item 15a; paragraph 0067-0068; Content coupon information is corresponds to coupon, which correlate its duration with the corresponding program paragraph 0104 and Service information is corresponds to service, which its duration is based on timeline schedule 0075) and

includes segment order information defining that the segments within the first segment group are ordered relative to each other according to a time sequence and the segments within

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the second segment group are unordered relative to each other according to the time sequence.
(see Harada paragraph 0069, 0083, 0070 and 0064-65; The content coupon information is in one embodiment not order based on time but based on user ID, the service information is order based time sequence)

As per claims 43-45, they are of the same scope as claims 31-34. Supra.

As per claim 46, Harada teaches a storage medium storing a data structure describing multimedia data, the data structure configured to be processed by multimedia data processing apparatus, the stored data structure comprising:

segment group information defining first and second segment groups, each of which includes a respective plurality of segments selected from a multimedia stream, (see figure 4, item 15a; paragraph 0067-0068; content coupon information is a segment information and service additional information is another segment information)

wherein said segment group information specifies a respective group type and a respective duration for each of said first and second segment groups, (see Harada figure 4, item 15a; paragraph 0067-0068; Content coupon information is corresponds to coupon, which correlate its duration with the corresponding program paragraph 0104 and Service information is corresponds to service, which its duration is based on timeline schedule 0075) and

wherein the segment group information includes segment order information defining that the segments within the first segment group are ordered relative to each other according to a time

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sequence and the segments within the second segment group are unordered relative to each other according to [[a]] the time sequence. . (see Harada paragraph 0069, 0083, 0070 and 0064-65; The content coupon information is in one embodiment not order based on time but based on user ID, the service information is order based time sequence)

As per claims 47-49, they are of the same scope as claims 31-34. Supra.

As per claim 54, Harada teaches the apparatus of claim 30. Harada further teaches wherein the respective group type for each of the first and second segment groups specifies that the first and second segment groups are related to at least two objects represented in the content of the multimedia stream. (see Harada figure 4, item 15a; paragraph 0067-0068; Coupon segment is related to target audience and Service is related to target client)

As per claim 55, Harada teaches the apparatus of claim 54. Harada further teaches wherein the first segment group includes segments representing time ordered relation changes between the at least two objects. . (see Harada paragraph 0075, 0069 and 0070; The content coupon information is sometimes integrated into time line along with regular programming, The service information is also keeps the start time/ mark time and the duration of the showing)

As per claim 56, Harada teaches the apparatus of claim 30. Harada further teaches wherein the segment group information indicates that the first segment group includes segments that represent highlights from the multimedia stream. (see Harada paragraph 0075, 0069 and

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0070; The service information is also keeps the start time/ mark time and the duration of the showing, the mark time includes highlights)

As per claim 57, Harada teaches the apparatus of claim 54. Harada further wherein the segments within the second segment group include segments representing constant relations between the at least two objects. (see Harada paragraph 0075, 0069 and 0070; Hit target user information is correlated to Id of a service to be discounted)

Response To Argument

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 30-49, and 54-57 have been considered but are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peng Ke whose telephone number is (571) 272-4062. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and Alternate Fridays 8:30-5:00.

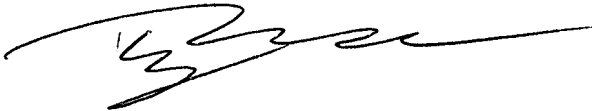
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L. Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Patent Examiner Peng Ke

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